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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Troop trains on 1 and 2 October 1953 included:

B - boxcar                      F - flatcar  
 C/B - converted boxcar        SSy - heavy-duty flatcar  
 C - coach                      RRym - heavy-duty flatcar

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
1	2 C/B, 13 B, 32 F	Letzlingen	Burg
	15 C/B, 2 B, 11 RRym, 26 SSy	Allen	Ohrdruf
2		Weimar	Angermuende
	17 B, 20 F	Haldensleben	Halle railroad district
	7 B, 24 F	Wolmirstedt	"
	30 B, 12 SSy	Haldensleben	"
	8 C/B, 5 B, 16 F	"	"
	9 F, 19 RRym	Stendal	Burg
	10 C/B, 10 B, 29 F	Wolmirstedt	Halle railroad district

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2. On 30 September, the following  
 troop trains went from Tangerhuetten to Satzkorn: a train of 18 boxcars and 40  
 flatcars, ; another train of 15 boxcars and 45 flatcars,  
and a third train of 13 boxcars and 38 flatcars,

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3. Troop trains [redacted] on 5 and 6 October included:

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
5	9 C/B, 3 B, 38 F, 8 SSy	Mahlwinkel	Priort
	4 C/B, 25 B, 20 F, 4 RRym	Wolmirstedt	Satzkorn
	5 C/B, 12 B, 14 F, 10 SSy	Altengrabow	Brandenburg
	5 C/B, 3 F, 2 RRym	Buch	Vogelsang
	13 C B, 24 F	Bernau	Zehdenick
	3 C/B, 16 RRym	Bernau	Vogelsang
	6 C/B, 1 B, 3 F, 12 RRym	Buch	Prenzlau
	2 C/B, 2 B, 2 F, 12 RRym	Mahlwinkel	Satzkorn
	6 C/B, 18 F, 11 RRym, 8 SSy	"	Priort
	5 C/B, 34 B, 5 F, 6 SSy	Wolmirstedt	"
	11 C/B, 14 B, 16 F, 9 SSy	Tangerhuetten	Brandenburg
	10 B, 31 F	Bernau	Zehdenick
	2 B, 1 F, 7 RRym	Buch	Vogelsang
6	16 B, 34 F	Altengrabow	Brandenburg
	16 RRym	Vogelsang	Grossbehnitz
	38 B, 12 F	Wolmirstedt	Priort
	7 B, 9 C with hospital No 160	Dangarten	Brest Litovsk
	3 C/B, 1 B, 5 RRym	Mahlwinkel	Satzkorn
	2 C/B, 2 B, 14 RRym	Hillersleben	"
	7 C/B, 28 B, 19 F	Altengrabow	Rathenow
	2 B, 14 RRym	Haldensleben	Satzkorn
	10 C/B, 13 B, 28 F	Tangerhuetten	Brandenburg
	3 B, 12 RRym	Hillersleben	Satzkorn

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
6	3 C/B, 13 F	Mahlwinkel	Satzkorn
	7 B, 16 F, 1 C	Bernau	Frenzlau
	6 C/B, 1 B, 20 F	"	"
	6 C/B, 21 R ym	"	"
	6 C/B, 27 F, 11 R ym	Satzkorn	Mahlwinkel

4. Between 26 September and 5 October, the following Soviet military shipments and KVP shipments were observed at the Oranienburg railroad station:

On 26 September. A shipment of two coaches and 40 flatcars with 40 new armored personnel carriers of the 1-3 type from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder to the spur track leading to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. 50X1-HUM

the shipment was turned over to the KVP.<sup>11</sup> A troop train of 5 boxcars and 43 flatcars with soldiers, 8 rocket launchers, 25 trucks and equipment from Doeberitz to Loewenberg.<sup>11</sup> A shipment of five T-34 tanks with KVP escort personnel from the direction of Wustermark unloaded at Oranienburg.<sup>10</sup> A shipment of 1 boxcar and 6 flatcars with 12 BA-64 armored scout cars and KVP escort personnel from the direction of Neustrelitz toward Wustermark.<sup>10</sup>

On 28 September. A shipment of 2 coaches and 40 flatcars with 40 new armored personnel carriers and about 30 KVP personnel with green collar patches from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder toward Wustermark.<sup>10</sup>

On 1 October. A troop train of 7 boxcars and 30 flatcars with 12 T-34 tanks, 2 jeeps and 14 trucks from the direction of Wustermark toward Loewenberg. 12 50X1-HUM

On 2 October. A troop train of 12 boxcars and 30 flatcars with 12 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 25 trucks and equipment from the direction of Wustermark to Fuersteneberg.

On 5 October. A shipment of about 50 soldiers with crimson epaulets, 42 armored personnel carriers, including 26 carriers which were redispached to Eden, and 12 BA-64 armored scout cars unloaded at Oranienburg.<sup>13</sup>

5. Troop trains from Schwepnitz-Koenigsbrueck listed in railroad records between 1 and 5 October included: 4 trains with tanks to Roederau, Riesa and Meissen on 1 October; 3 trains to Roederau and Oschatz on 2 October; and 1 train to Grossenhain on 5 October.<sup>14</sup>

6. [ ] troop trains from Altenradow unloaded at Rathenow on 5 October included: a train of 5 boxcars with soldiers, 4 boxcars and 30 flatcars; and another train of 11 boxcars with soldiers, 6 boxcars and 19 flatcars. 50X1-HUM

1. Comment. Possibly two troop trains carrying headquarters units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, belonging either to the 304th Arty Brig (US) or the unidentified artillery regiment, which returned to their home station after completion of the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army. 50X1-HUM

2. Comment. The troop train probably carried an engineer unit of the XVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which, [ ] possibly moved from Orlamunde to Aken in two small shipments on 17 August 1953. On 2 and 3 October 1953, engineer units were also loaded at the Dessau railroad station on

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four troop trains and dispatched toward Bitterfeld. One of these trains carried elements of the 19th Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army and was observed unloading at Weimar.

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3. Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 7th Gds Tank Div which returned to Rosslau and Zerbst. Compare [redacted] on vacating of Camp Planken and entraining of troops at Neuholdensleben and Hillersleben between 1 and 4 October 1953.
4. Comment. [redacted] the trains mentioned went from Satz Korn to Tangerhuetten had already then been doubted and was now refuted by pertinent observations on troop detainments at the Satz Korn railroad station.
5. Comment. The troop trains were loaded with components of the 10th Gds Tank Div which returned to their home station at Krampnitz. Between 30 September and 6 October 1953, the movement totalled 18 troop trains with Mahlwinkel, Wolmirstedt, Hillersleben and Haldensleben as dispatching stations. 50X1-HUM
6. Comment. The troop trains carried elements of the 20th Army AT Army Brig [redacted] which returned to the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg. [redacted]
7. Comment. The troop trains hauled large contingents of the 25th Tank Div back to their home stations after termination of the field exercises north of Berlin. Except for the troop train [redacted] all other trains were previously reported [redacted] 50X1-HUM
8. Comment. A hospital in the Damgarten area is unknown. On 16 September 1953, a troop train with air force personnel went from Damgarten to Brest Litovsk. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
9. Comment. Troop trains from Altengraefow to Rathenow [redacted] 6 October 1953 totalled three trains [redacted] Pertinent observations at Rathenow indicated that elements of the 65th Mort Brig [redacted] returned to the Infanterie Kaserne. [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
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10. Comment. In late September 1953, armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars for the KVP arrived at Oranienburg from the USSR. Some of the materiel was redispached to other KVP units. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
11. Comment. The troop train carried an element of the 90th RL Regt [redacted]. As, at that time, large contingents of this regiment moved to Neustrelitz to participate in a field exercise of the 9th Gds Tank Div, it is believed that the above train was not dispatched from Doeberitz but from Velten.
12. Comment. The troop train went from Doeberitz to Neustrelitz and carried an element of the 72nd Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 1st Mecz Div.
13. Comment. [redacted] a troop train with contingents of the 25th Tank Div which returned to Oranienburg on and after 4 October 1953. 50X1-HUM
14. Comment. The unloading stations indicate that the troop trains carried components of the 9th Tank Div. Although there are vague observations on the departure of contingents of this division from the Koenigsbrueck area, it is also plausible that, during the first days of October 1953, other units of the First Gds Mecz Army moved to the Zeithain area for final field exercises.

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